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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
W. Thomas NOVAK et al.) Group Art Unit: 1756 ✓
Application No.: 09/731,934) Examiner: Unknown
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For: POSITIONING STAGE WITH)
STATIONARY AND MOVABLE)
MAGNET TRACKS)

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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application has been on file for over three (3) years and as of this date, we have not received an Office Action.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned Patent Agent respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this Application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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